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TRADE WITH NEIGBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of border trade between India and its neighbouring countries during each of the last three years and the current year; country-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost the trade with these countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Border trade facilities are available for bilateral trade with Myanmar and China. Trade with other neighbouring countries are regulated as normal trade regime.

Data for Volume of border trade with Myanmar and China are as follows:

Country	2003-04 (Rs. Crores)	2004-05 (Rs. Crores)	2005-06 (Rs. Crores)
Myanmar	18.32	11.61	9.07
China	6.07	18.47	4.75

(b) Some of the initiatives for boosting border trade include opening of additional border trading points, diversification of border trade basket, mounting business delegations etc.